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Pursuant to the remand under 37 CFR 41.50(a)(1) by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 23, 2008 and August 6, 2008 for canceling the expressly withdrawn or implicitly withdrawn claims 3-5 and 9, the withdrawal of the appeal as to claims 3-5 and 9 operates as an authorization to cancel these claims from the application or reexamination proceeding. See MPEP § 1215.03. Accordingly, these claims are canceled.

Only claims 1-2, 7-8 and 24-35 remain in the application. The appeal continues as to these remaining claims. The application will be forwarded to the Board after mailing of this communication.

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